**DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ATRIOVENTRICULAR VALVE REPAIR; the specification of which is attached hereto;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

**Application No.: 60/400,840**

**Filing Date: August 2, 2002**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date 7/21/03

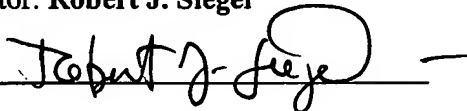
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Citizenship: United States

Post Office Address: Same as above

Full name of third inventor: Robert J. Siegel

Inventor's signature



Date

July 29, 2003

Residence: 719 N. Maple Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Citizenship: United States

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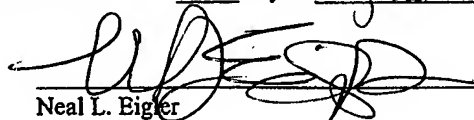
WHEREAS, We, Neal L. Eigler, a United States citizen, residing at 459 Surfview Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272, Matthew J. Price, a United States citizen, residing at 410 Stratford Court, Del Mar, CA 92014; Robert J. Siegel, a United States citizen, residing at 719 N. Maple Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ATRIOVENTRICULAR VALVE REPAIR for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, on even date herewith;

AND WHEREAS, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a nonprofit organization, with its principal place of business at 8700 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90048-1865, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003

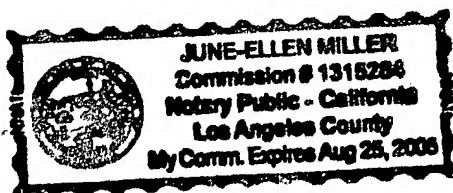
  
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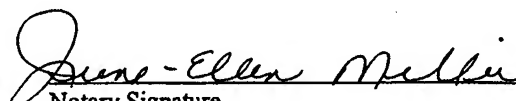
STATE OF California }  
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On August 15, 2003, before me, JUNE ELLEN MILLER personally appeared Neal L. Eigler personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2003

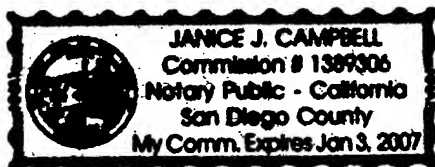
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On July 22, 2003, before me, Janice J. Campbell, personally appeared Matthew J. Price personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]



Janice J. Campbell  
Notary Signature

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Siegel

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ } ss.

On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared Robert J. Siegel personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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Matthew J. Price

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ } ss.

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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Notary Signature

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 29 day of July, 2003.

Robert J. Siegel  
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STATE OF California }  
COUNTY OF Los Angeles } ss.

On July 29, 2003, before me, JUNE-ELLEN MILLER, personally appeared Robert J. Siegel personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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June- Ellen Miller  
Notary Signature

